

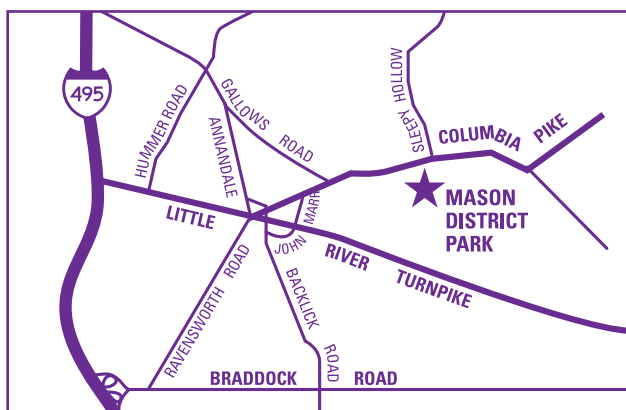
# Spotlight by Starlight

## WHERE THERE'S ART FOR EVERYONE

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**MASON DISTRICT PARK:** 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Beltway Exit 52B (Little River Turnpike, Rt. 236) east 2 miles to left at John Marr Drive and right on Columbia Pike to park entrance on right just before Sleepy Hollow Road. **(703) 941-1730.**



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### MAX OUT YOUR CONCERT FUN!

1. **COME IN STYLE** - check the weather, dress for comfort.
2. **DON'T MISS A NOTE** - come early, set up before the show starts.
3. **DELETE THE BEEP** - turn off those cell phones and beepers.
4. **BREATHE DEEP AND SMILE SWEET** - no smoke or alcohol.
5. **STAY WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE** - keep children near.
6. **BE THE GOOD NEIGHBOR** - be considerate of others.
7. **GROUND THAT HOUND** - pets must be on a leash.
8. **WE DON'T HAVE A CLEANUP CREW** - take your trash with you.
9. **THE MORE THE MERRIER** - bring a friend.

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### JUNE

2	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Halau O 'Aulani (Hawaiian Dance & Music)
3	Sat.		"No Performance"
4	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Big Band)
7	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Capital Focus Jazz Band (Jazz)
9	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Irish Fire (Irish)
10	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Pirate Jack (Stories and Songs)
11	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Alt Washingtonia (Bavarian)
14	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Tom Principato (Blues)
16	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Nottin' Fancy (Bluegrass)
17	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "OTO String Quartet" (Music)
18	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	National Concert Band (Big Band)
21	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Brooks Tegler Quartet (Jazz)
23	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Stephen Samuel Band (Reggae)
24	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Bob Brown Puppets (Puppets)
25	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Alban Chorale (Chorale)
28	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Janine Wilson Band (Blues)
30	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Noorsaz (Persian)

### JULY

1	Sat.		"No Performance"
2	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Paul & Storm (Social Commentary)
5	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	The WCM Traditional Jazz Band (Jazz)
7	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	The United States Air Force Band "Silver Wings" (Country Western)
8	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "OTO Woodwind Quintet" (Music)
9	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Hexagon (Satirical Revue)
12	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	The United States Air Force Band "Airmen of Note" (Jazz)
14	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	John McCutcheon (Folk)
15	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)
16	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "Summer Band" (Classic)
19	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Riverside Carnival Band (Jazz)
21	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	The Mustang Band (Motown)
22	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Gary Lloyd, Mason Talespinner (Stories)
23	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	The United States Navy Band "Sea Chanters" (Choral)
26	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	BG & The Mojo Hands (Blues)
28	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Mariachi Estrellas (Mexican)
29	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	The GoodLife Theater (Puppets)
30	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Garry Henson's Take Note Band (Big Band)

### AUGUST

2	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Dixieland Express (Jazz)
4	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Raks Sharqi Dance of the East (Middle Eastern Music and Dance)
5	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "OTO Brass Quintet" (Music)
6	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Classic)
9	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	David Bach Consort (Jazz)
11	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Lox & Vodka (Klezmer)
12	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Silly Socks (Puppets)
13	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Blues Rangers (Interpretive Program)
16	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Dixie Power Trio (Jazz)
18	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Ruthie and the Wranglers (Roots/Rock)
19	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "OTO Percussion Duo" (Music)
20	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Washington Balalaika Orchestra (Russian)
23	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	The United States Army Blues Jazz Ensemble (Jazz)
25	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Andrew Acosta String Band (Bluegrass)
26	Sat.		"No Performance"
27	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Mariachis Los Amigos (Mexican)
30	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Village Jazz Band (Jazz)

\*OTO - Fairfax Symphony's Overture to Orchestra, a children's educational program

## FRIDAY FOLK SERIES 7:30 P.M.

### June 2 Halau O 'Aulani (Hawaiian Dance & Music)

Halau O 'Aulani ("School of Messengers") was established in 1996 to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through its students, the "messengers" who carry forward Hawaii's rich heritage and spirit of aloha.

### June 9 Irish Fire (Irish)

One of America's best Traditional Irish bands, Irish Fire will move you with the beauty of music from the Emerald Isle.

### June 16 Nothin' Fancy

The Nothin' Fancy Band, from the musically rich Shenandoah Valley, has played from Vermont to Florida to Ontario to Arkansas. Formed in September of 1994 with the purpose of competing in the East Coast Bluegrass Championship in Crimora, Virginia, Nothin' Fancy has grown in popularity, released five full length albums and one CD single.

### June 23 Stephen Samuel Band (Reggae)

Everything with a Caribbean flavor! The Stephen Samuel Band plays soca, calypso, reggae, oldies, top 40s, R&B, dance music and more.

### June 30 Noorsaaz (Persian)

NoorSaaz brings to life the rich history of Iranian culture through its music and poetry. This entrancing selection of songs spans time and place; traditional Persian folk favorites stand alongside love songs from the 1960s and 70s, a time of great cultural change in Iran.

### July 7 The United States Air Force Band "Silver Wings" (Country Western)

Since its formation in 1993, the United States Air Force Band "Silver Wings" has been presenting the finest in country music, firmly establishing itself in the Washington-area music scene and beyond.

### July 14 John McCutcheon (Folk)

John McCutcheon is one of our most respected and beloved folksingers, master of a dozen traditional instruments, most notably the rare and beautiful hammer dulcimer. His songwriting has been hailed by critics and singers around the globe. His twenty-four recordings have garnered every imaginable honor, including five Grammy nominations.

### July 21 The Mustang Band (Motown)

The Mustangs Band has been together for many years . . . since 1992, playing soul music because they LOVE soul music. Their roots are steeped in 60s soul and classic R&B. You'll be amazed at how big their sound is.

### July 28 Mariachi Estrellas (Mexican)

Mariachi is the exciting and enchanting music identified with Mexico, and Mariachi Estrellas is one of the most outstanding mariachi groups in the region. Audiences have included diplomats and governmental dignitaries, television personalities, professional athletes and other lovers of folkloric music.

### August 4 Raks Sharqi Dance of the East (Middle Eastern Music & Dance)

Raks Sharqi Dance of the East is a world music group, located in the Washington, DC, area. Flutes and other wind-instruments, Turkish lute, bass, didgeridoos, and drums of many kinds, in shifting combinations, join in joyous, dancing, original melodies.

### August 11 Lox & Vodka (Klezmer)

Blending traditional klezmer with jazz, folk and contemporary flavors, Lox & Vodka will take you on a journey from the shtetls (villages) of Eastern Europe to the shores of our great United States. Come ready to sing, clap and dance along to the vibrant sounds.

### August 18 Ruthie and the Wranglers (Roots/Rock)

Ruthie & the Wranglers play rockin' American Roots music (also known as FUN!). Known for their original upbeat songs like "(I'm Gonna Kill Myself) If It's the Last Thing I Do" and "I Wanna Be Your Auctioneer," their first two albums were among the Top 20 of the Americana Radio Charts.

### August 25 Andrew Acosta String Band (Bluegrass)

Andrew Acosta is a northern-Virginian guitarist and mandolin player who's been active in country-/rock and bluegrass bands for the past thirty(!) years. On his new CD, Time and Place, Andrew showcases his songwriting with eleven originals.

## SATURDAY CHILDREN'S SERIES 10:00 A.M.

### June 10 Pirate Jack (Stories & Songs)

Audiences set sail with a true son-of-the-seas - Pirate Jack! His colorful costuming, energy, and mastery of traditional instruments have hoisted sails and spirits from Sea World and Disneyland to the Chesapeake on the original Bounty.

### June 3 "No Performance"

### June 17 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "OTO String Quartet" (Music)

Come on a musical adventure with the Fairfax Symphony's Overture To Orchestra String Quartet showcasing the performing techniques and unique qualities of string instruments. Hear the instruments take on a different role in each selection, much like characters in a play.

### June 24 Bob Brown Puppets (Puppets)

Bob Brown's "World on a String", takes you on a rollicking adventure around the world. Created and performed especially for young audiences and their families.

### July 1 "No Performance"

### July 8 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "OTO Woodwind Quintet" (Music)

Bring your imagination for a presentation that reveals the many moods of music. Explore your emotional reactions to music while listening to a variety of pieces performed by the Fairfax Symphony's Overture To Orchestra Woodwind Quintet.

### July 15 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)

Blue Sky presents "The Three Not So Little Pigs". An updated adaptation of the classic story where the pigs play with remote control cars, rock & roll guitars and the wolf is a vegetarian! For all ages of young people and parents too!

### July 22 Gary Lloyd, Mason Talespinner (Stories)

Gary Lloyd presents "Once Upon a Dragon". Join regional storyteller Gary Lloyd as he announces each of four delightful dragon tales with a three foot brass gong! Family fun..

### July 29 The GoodLife Theater (Puppets)

Joe Pipik's Backpack Puppets presents "The Rainbow Show," a whimsical tale of a monkey who ruins a rainbow and needs help from the audience to find the colors. And there's a live music sing-along and a great introduction to puppetry for young children.

### August 5 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "OTO Brass Quintet" (Music)

This boisterous performance explores the designs of brass instruments as the Fairfax Symphony's Brass Quintet demonstrates how valves, slides and tubing shape musical tones.

### August 12 Silly Socks (Puppets)

Silly Socks presents "Hansel & Griddle, A cooked-up Adventure." With a brussel sprout trail, a beatnik chicken and the best brusysoise this side of the Three Bears Cafe, "Hansel and Griddle, A Cooked Up Adventure," will take you on the path to good nutrition and great fun for the whole family to enjoy!

### August 19 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "OTO Percussion Duo" (Music)

Drums, the marimba and other instruments lead a journey through "What is Rhythm?" With music ranging from Bach to ragtime, the Percussion Duo of The Fairfax Symphony demonstrates how percussion forms the rhythmic foundation of the orchestra.

### August 26 "No Performance"

## ALL SHOWS ARE FREE.

All concerts are held at Newton W. Edwards Amphitheatre, Mason District Park located at 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale.

**Balalaika:** The balalaika is one of the most important and the best known plucked stringed instruments in Eastern Europe. It is most closely associated with Russia where it is used for music ranging from traditional music and dance to classical compositions.

**Come to see "Washington Balalaika" on August 20.**

MASON DISTRICT PARK'S FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

## SUNDAY VARIETY SERIES 7:30 P.M.

## WEDNESDAY JAZZ & BLUES SERIES 7:30 P.M.

### June 4 City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Big Band)

Formed in 1969, The City of Fairfax Band has grown from a small, summer-season ensemble to one of Northern Virginia's best-known volunteer community performing groups, bringing great enjoyment by making music that brings pleasure and enrichment.

### June 11 Alt Washingtonia (Bavarian)

The Original Bavarian Dance Club of Washington is a link with the old homeland, preserving and sharing Alpine customs and traditions in the new world. Their performances feature traditional dances, singing, yodeling, accordion playing, cowbell ringing and alphorn playing.

### June 18 National Concert Band (Big Band)

Retired and former members of the four major military bands have joined musical voices to form the National Concert Band of America. The Band's repertoire includes a very wide range of music from Wagner and Rossini to Gershwin and Porter, but its main focus is on martial music, the great marches.

### June 25 Alban Chorale (Chorale)

From madrigals to gospel to show tunes and more, the acclaimed 24-voice Alban Chorale is one of the most accomplished vocal ensembles in the Washington area. The Chorale's range is wide, featuring music by American composers with texts by American poets.

### July 2 Paul & Storm (Social Commentary)

A Lennon/McCartney comedy songwriting team, Paul Sabourin and Greg "Storm" DiCostanzo have been writing and performing original music together for more than a decade. No subject is sacred as they keep audiences laughing with their humorous and satirical original songs.

### July 9 Hexagon (Satirical Revue)

Hexagon, Washington's only original political and musical comedy revue, skewers national and local issues with good-hearted musical satire. This non-profit arts organization has over 50 years of dedicated work in raising funds for local charities.

### July 16 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "Summer Band" (Classic)

The Fairfax Symphony Summer Band is made up of Fairfax Symphony members, freelancers, and advanced professional, high school and college music students. Under the direction of Jeff Bianchi and George Etheridge, their repertoire includes light classical selections, Broadway show tunes, waltzes, fugues, and marches.

### July 23 The United States Navy Band "Sea Chanters" (Choral)

The Sea Chanters, the 17-voice chorus of The United States Navy Band, perform a variety of music ranging from traditional chorals to Broadway musicals.

### July 30 Garry Henson's Take Note (Swing)

Garry Henson's Take Note (formally known as Swing Shift) is an 18-piece dance band offering music that will bring you to your feet and set you dancing in the aisles. From Big Band swing to popular ballads and a variety of light rock, Swing Shift brings balanced instrumentation and appealing vocals to its performances.

### August 6 Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Classic)

Through the leadership, musicality and vision of Christopher Johnston, the Annandale Orchestra has grown in size and repertoire, playing music of different cultures and heritages, and achieving a reputation for artistic excellence.

### August 13 Blues Rangers (Interpretive Program)

Lively blues and conservation combine in the program performed by the Blues Rangers, all U.S. Forest Service employees. With words and music, they convey the importance of conservation of public lands and outline the issues and challenges facing natural resource agencies.

### August 20 Washington Balalaika Orchestra (Russian)

The Washington Balalaika Society was founded by musicians interested in studying and performing the music of Russia, Ukraine and eastern Europe on traditional Russian folk instruments — the balalaika, domra, bayan and related folk wind and percussion. The Society's orchestra now numbers over 40 musicians at all levels from beginner to professional.

### August 27 Mariachi Los Amigos (Mariachi)

Mariachi Los Amigos performs a wide repertoire, from the latest canción ranchera (country song), to romantic boleros, lively polkas, and the oldest of the hard-driving sones jaliscienses and including all of your favorites such as "Cielito lindo," "Allá en el rancho grande," "Guadalajara," "La paloma," "El son de la negra," "La bamba," "Jarabe Tapatio," and dozens of other favorites.

### June 7 Capital Focus Jazz Band (Jazz)

The Potomac River Jazz Club's youth band has won international acclaim for its spirited playing of traditional New Orleans Jazz.

### June 14 Tom Principato (Blues)

Tom Principato's blues guitar has won him a total of 19 Wammies. In 1984, Tom began a solo career, notably recording a live album with the late Washington guitar legend Danny Gatton entitled "Blazing Telecasters", released in 1990, and considered for a Grammy nomination.

### June 21 Brooks Tegler Quartet (Jazz)

This foursome plays small-band swing in the styles of groups such as those of Benny Goodman, John Kirby, Artie Shaw, and Duke Ellington.

### June 28 Janine Wilson Band (Blues)

Wammie Award winner, blues vocalist Janine Wilson sings "impassioned vocals that, while powerful, never over-power the songs." Wilson weaves tales of love, heartache and more than a little mischief.

### July 5 The WCM Traditional Jazz Band (Jazz)

This band, cosponsored by Potomac River Jazz Club and the Washington Conservatory of Music, aims to bring classic jazz to people, young and old, who otherwise might not encounter it.

### July 12 The United States Air Force Band "Airmen of Note" (Jazz)

The Airmen of Note is the premier jazz ensemble of the United States Air Force. The band was created in 1950 to carry on the style and tradition of the Glenn Miller Army Air Forces Dance Band. Today, the Airmen of Note continues the innovative course set by Major Miller over five decades ago.

### July 19 Riverside Carnival Band (Jazz)

This band from the shores of the Chesapeake Bay plays the happy and energetic music of New Orleans carnivals.

### July 26 BG & The Mojo Hands (Blues)

BG & The Mojo Hands is a dynamic, exciting band that performs a variety of blues styles from danceable Jump Blues, Texas Boogie, Swing, and traditional Chicago to down home Delta Blues. The Mojo Hands distinguish themselves in another way, though; they really play with feeling! And that's what this type of music is all about.

### August 2 Dixieland Express (Jazz)

This seven-piece group is a successor to the Creole Dixie Band. Encouraging audience participation in sing alongs is their band tradition.

### August 9 David Bach Consort (Jazz)

Voted Best Instrumental Band by Music Monthly Magazine, the David Bach Consort excites crowds with unique music that is shimmering and refreshing.

### August 16 Dixie Power Trio (Jazz)

This popular trio (really a quartet) plays the music of New Orleans-Dixieland, Zydeco, and even some rock and roll.

### August 23 The United States Army Blues Jazz Ensemble (Jazz)

The Army Blues Band carries on the World War II tradition of entertaining soldiers and civilians in the battle zone. As the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Army, the band's present-day mission is to promote the American art form of jazz.

### August 30 Village Jazz Band (Jazz)

Now in its 20th year, this band from the Maryland suburbs plays New Orleans jazz in the robust style of Lu Watters and Turk Murphy.

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Alt Washingtonia



John McCutcheon